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1. Egypt

Cairo apparently intends to step up its offensive against Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

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2. South Vietnam

Prime Minister Ky is planning still another trip abroad. His ambassador in Manila says that President Marcos has agreed to a three-day visit by Ky to the Philippines in mid-August.

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3. South Vietnam

Interrogation of a Viet Cong prisoner captured on Sunday in Quang Tri Province is providing good information on the recently infiltrated [] North Vietnamese Division. 50X1

The prisoner []

[] says that the division consists of three regiments, each having three battalions. These units are below strength because of heavy casualties. Morale is very low, and medical supplies are insufficient to meet current demands. Ammunition, food, and equipment are also in short supply. 50X1

The prisoner claims that advance warning was received before B-52 strikes and that his battalion suffered few casualties as a result of the air strikes because their tunnels afforded good protection. 50X1

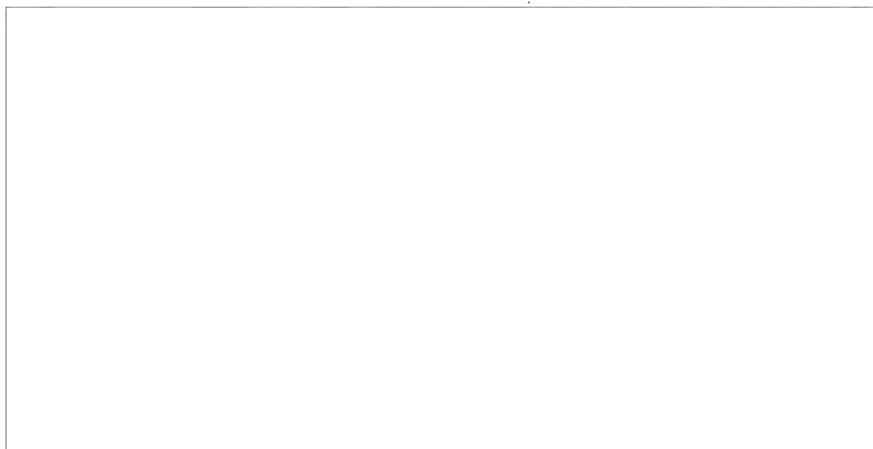
4. Japan

Tokyo is expanding its diplomatic contacts and economic aid initiatives in Southeast Asia as part of its continuing effort to play a larger role in the area. []

[] the moves will be directed mainly toward Burma, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia. 50X1

Officials in the Japanese foreign ministry are said to feel that the planned moves will help these countries resist Communist subversion and thus indirectly aid South Vietnam.

5. France



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6. Africa

The Commonwealth ties of Britain's former colonies in Africa have been further strained as a result of yesterday's decision by the International Court of Justice. The British and Australian judges lined up with South Africa in the vote, actions sure to cause a hardening of African positions at September's Commonwealth meeting. African accusations against Britain's "soft" policy toward Rhodesia had already been threatening to disrupt the meeting.

General African reaction to the decision is expected to be intense. New initiatives against South Africa are almost certain in the United Nations. 50X1

7. Iraq

The regime continues to move forward in its effort to reach a rapprochement with the Kurdish rebels. A cease-fire was concluded late last month. 50X1

8. Cuba

There are indications that the regime is embarked on a small-scale program to develop nuclear energy for industrial and medical purposes. 50X1

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